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SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1869.

Miss Van Lew's Appointment as Post-mistress of Richmond. THE Senate yesterday confirmed the appointment of Elizabeth Van Lew as postmaster or postmistress of Richmond, Virginia. This action has a much deeper significance than the semi-endorsement it gives to women's rights by bestowing an important office on a member of the proscribed sex. Long before the noisy modern agitation was commenced, it was not an unusual occurrence for the widows of postmasters who possessed the public confidence to retain the positions previously held by their deceased husbands. There is, therefore, no startling innovation in the late action of the President and the Senate, when viewed from this standpoint. Its true significance arises from the fact that Miss Van Lew was a staunch friend of the Union all through the war, liberally extending aid to Union prisoners, and sending her slaves through the lines with important intelligence to General Grant. While we have no disposition to rejoice ever a fallen foe, or to rake up the slumbering fires of a dead past, it is a just source of congratulation that a true friend of the national cause, residing at the central point of the defunct Confederacy, is fitly rewarded; and that the haughty secesh dames and arrogant secesh braggarts who once basked in the smiles of Jefferson Davis, and who preached and practised the doctrine that loyalty implied social degradation as well as political error. can regale themselves with the sight of a truehearted Unionist whenever they transmit or receive a letter through the mails of the triumphant Republic. There may be well-grounded doubts of the unswerving soundness of some of the newly-fledged Southern loyalists, but the escutcheon of the woman who proved unfalteringly faithamong the faithless, and who braved all perils to mitigate the horrors of Rebel prison pens, and to guide our armies to the true point of attack, is stainless; and most fitting is it that she should be honored and rewarded.

At the outbreak of the war Miss Van Lew was one of the most wealthy residents of Richmond, owning a large amount of valuable real estate as well as a number of slaves. She lost her fortune and risked her life by her defiant and persistent devotion to the Union. She boldly furnished food to the prisoners in Libby, despite all threats and menaces. On one occasion she secreted in her parlor a number of horses, which were subsequently used to facilitate the escape of Union prisoners; and she kept Secretary Stanton advised of the Rebel movements at periods when this task was attended with the greatest difficulty and danger. After the war was over she made a short visit to this city, where she wrote a sterling letter referring to affairs in the South, which was published in THE TELEGRAPH, and subsequently republished in many of the leading journals of the country. Her nervous system was greatly shocked by the exciting scenes through which she had passed, and after losing health, property, and social sta'us, It is gratifying to know that her eminent services have not been forgotten.

The Cuban Question. Tas practical importance of the Cuban question is steadily and constantly increasing More sugar plantations have recently been devasted, and new obstacles have been interposed to the transportation of the old crop from the interior to the shipping ports. These occurrences, coupled with the expectation that, while all hopes of a yield this year, in some districts, have been destroyed, in more peaceful regions the product will be greatly diminished, are causing another rise in the price of the Cuban staple; and the despatches sent yesterday from Havana aunounce that there are "more buyers than sellers, and holders demand an advance." The industrial and commercial significance of these events adds increased interest to the political agitation likely to arise at an early period in this country, for the House Committee of Foreign Affairs has now under consideration the resolution to authorize the President to recognize Cuba, and it is said that the Minister of the revolutionary party will be at Washington in a few days to represent in person the patriotic

The Eligibility of Witnesses, WE are glad to be able to announce the passage through the State Senate of the bill to allow parties in interest to testify in all civil suits. The need of such a law and its eminent justice we have already called attention to. There can be no doubt but that, up to the present time, Pennsylvania has been behind the age in not altering her laws of evidence so as to keep pace with of Great Britain, the United States, and her sister Commonwealths. All of the leading States in the Union have adopted laws similar to that to which the Senate has given a tardy assent. Why, then, should we be behindhand in progress? It is very well for the opponents of the measure to talk of the wisdom of our forefathers, the advantage to holding steadily by old landmarks, the danger of innovations. If such orators as Mr. Wallace, of Clearfield, would take the trouble to examine the history of this very branch of jurisprudence, they would see that there have been constant altera-Mons for many generations past, all tending the result which we have

the "wisdom of our ancestors" allowed no one to testify who was interested in a suit, either immediately or remotely. They need not have been interested in the record, but if they were even distabily liable for the insignificant costs of an action all their evidence was excluded. their months sealed, and the knowledge they possessed kept out of the case and hidden from the jury. Was this a proof of the "wisdom of our ancestors" for which Mr. Wallace has so great a respect? The next step in the right direction was the statute which allowed the testimony of all those who did not appear upon the record as interested. This was an advance which admitted to the ears of the jury most of the facts of the case which were before excluded, the absurdity of which exclusion is shown by the fact that the people thus remotely interested are the ones, of all others, likely to know the facts of the case. Parties who have no interest whatever in a transaction, as a rule know but little about it. A man does not make it his business to investigate the circumstances of an event which is none of his concern. Now the present law allows the whole matter to be laid before the jury, and the credibility of the witnesses is left to the court and the jury itself. By this means both reason and justice are promoted, and one of the relics of a past age of law out away from cumbering the ground. The old rules of special pleading have been abandoned; common sense has become a greater rule of action in law than it was. We hope the House will, amid its multitude of private laws, find time to pass the proper bill.

now reached. There was a time when

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY OF CENTRAL M. E. BABBATH ECHOOL, at the Church, VINE Street, above Twelfth, To-morrow

Dr. DURBIN will preside.

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SPRING GARDEN TREET M. E. CHUECH -services on Su day. - Rev. E. J. of East Beltimore Conference, will preach THE OBDINATION OF ELDERS will take place at 36 clock The sorm n will be preached by Rev. Dr. KYNETT, af er which the ordination services will be concucted by Rev. Bishout HOMPSON, The usual Sunday evening service at this Courch will on this occasion be emitted. "SERMONS TO YOUNGMES,"-THE

sixth of the series will be preached in the NORTH PRESS'TERIAN CHURCH, SIXTH Street, above Green, by Pev. J WALKER J.CK SON, To-morrow evening at 71% P. M. Preaching in the morning by the Destor. Rev. R. W. HENRY, D. D. at 10% A. M. All invited.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPEL, THIR-TEENTH rires to ow Washington avenue, Divine service To-morrow, the 21st mat, at .014 C'clock A. M. Sermon by Rev R BETHEL OLAX-TON. D. D. and a 714 o'clock P. M. sermon by Rev. WILBUR F. PAD OCK

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REV. E. E. ADAMS. D. D., WILL preach to the WESTERN PRESEYTERIA CHURCH SEVENTEENTH and FILSER'S Streets, Sabbath morning. at 10%.

During Lent the Sunday afterno in services will be omitted. Services To-morrow Evening at 7% o'clock. Street above Race.—Rev. C. W. BICKLEY will preach at 10%; and R v. W. L. McDOWELL at 734. Strangers invited.

REV. A. I. YOUNG, OF PITTSBURG, TERStreet, above Fifteenth, at 10% A. M. and 7% P. M.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

MARCH 18, 1869. Notice is hereby given that the Ordinance prohibiting the 'driving of a carriage, of any kind, along the paved footways in any street of the city." or "to use any wheelbarrow, handbarrow, or hand-cart upon any of the paved footways of the city (all barrows excepted before 8 o'clock A. M. from the 20th of March to the 20th of September), or to occupy any portion of any footway as a stand for such vehicles," will be strictly enforced from and after this date, Allofficers of the Police Department are directed to see this order obeyed and prosecute all offenders against the same. Attention is especially called to the practice of driving velocipedes on the footways.

By order of the Mayor. ST. CLAIR A. MULHOLLAND,

Chief of Police, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE

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